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Happy Monday! It might be your least favorite day of the week, but today is an exception. For the first time in 38 years, we will get to experience a total solar eclipse. Many people in this region won't get to see the full effect, but there will be several live streams of the eclipse happening online. Find out how to watch at **metro.us/news**.

COMIC ICON AND ACTOR JERRY LEWIS DIES AT 91

Jerry Lewis, the high prince of low-brow comedy on stage and in movies as well as a fund-raising powerhouse with his annual Labor Day telethon, died on Sunday of "natural causes" at the age of 91, his family said. "Famed comedian, actor and legendary entertainer Jerry Lewis passed away peacefully today of natural causes at 91 at his home in Las Vegas with his family by his side," a statement from the Lewis family said. He starred in more than 45 films in a career spanning five decades. His cross-eyed antics often drew scorn from critics but he was for a time a box-office hit who commanded one of the biggest salaries in Hollywood.

SPAIN ATTACK SUSPECT MAY BE IN FRANCE

2 Spanish police hunting for a suspect after the Barcelona van attack that killed 13 people said on Sunday they could not rule out that he had slipped over the border into France. Spanish police said security operations were under way in Catalonia and on the French border as they try to find Moroccan-born Younes Abouyaaqoub, 22, who they believe to be the only one of 12 suspects still at large. Others have been arrested, shot by police or killed in an explosion at a house in Catalonia a day before Thursday's van attack on Las Ramblas, Barcelona's most famous boulevard. "We don't have any specific information on this but it cannot be ruled out," Catalan police chief Josep Lluis Trapero told a news conference in Barcelona when asked if Abouyaaqoub could have crossed into France.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS

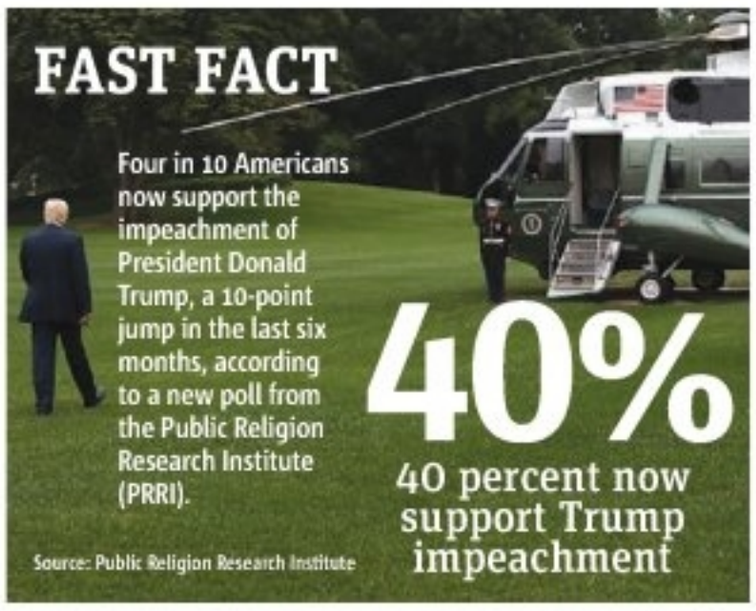
3 A police officer stands by the Sagrada Familia basilica in Barcelona on Sunday, before a mass to commemorate victims of two devastating terror attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils. GETTY IMAGES

TRUMP HAS STRATEGY ON AFGHANISTAN

4 President Donald Trump has made a decision on the United States' strategy for Afghanistan after a "sufficiently rigorous" review process, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said on Sunday. However, Mattis did not provide details on when the White House would make an announcement or what the decision was on Afghanistan, where fighting still rages more than 15 years after U.S. forces invaded and overthrew a Taliban government. Soon after taking office in January, the Trump administration began a review of U.S. policy on Afghanistan, which has expanded into a broader South Asia review. "I am very comfortable that the strategic process was sufficiently rigorous and did not go in with a pre-set position," Mattis told reporters traveling with him aboard a military aircraft to Jordan.

US INDIANAPOLIS FOUND 18K FEET DEEP IN PACIFIC

5 Researchers have found the wreckage of the U.S. warship Indianapolis, which was sunk by a Japanese torpedo in the final days of World War II, more than 18,000 feet below the surface of the Pacific Ocean, the Navy said. The cruiser was returning from its mission to deliver components for the atomic bomb that would soon be dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima when it was fired upon in the North Pacific Ocean by a Japanese submarine on July 30, 1945. It sunk in 12 minutes, according to the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington. No distress signal was sent. About 800 of the 1,196 crew members aboard survived the sinking, but only 316 were rescued alive five days later, with the rest lost to exposure, dehydration, drowning and sharks.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Four in 10 Americans now support the impeachment of President Donald Trump, a 10-point jump in the last six months, according to a new poll from the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI).
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A solar eclipse will hit on Monday, Aug. 21. GETTY IMAGES

Solar eclipse: Smithsonian astronomer explains why it's cool

Kathy Reeves from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics talks about the upcoming solar eclipse.

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Are you excited about today's solar eclipse? Though not quite a once-in-a-lifetime event, the phenomenon is special. Kathy Reeves, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics who is involved with the operation of NASA telescopes, took some time to talk to Metro about the event before she headed to Oregon to get a better view of the total eclipse.

What makes this eclipse so special?
This is the first ellipse to cross the U.S. since 1918. There have been eclipses in the U.S. since then, but this is the first one that goes coast to coast since 1918, and that's pretty cool. It means a lot of people are going to be able to see the totality, the part where the moon completely covers the sun.

How is this different from other eclipses?
Total eclipses happen every couple of years or so, but the location is really the interesting part of this eclipse. The last eclipse that happened in the continental U.S. happened in 1979 (there was one in Hawaii in 1991). It only went over Oregon and Washington in the northern part of the Pacific Northwest. It was similar, but it covered a smaller part of the U.S., so fewer people would have had access to that.

Where are the best locations to view the eclipse?
This one goes from Oregon to South Carolina, for what we call the "passive totality," where you'll get total darkness. Nashville, Tennessee is in its path, St. Louis is almost in the path, Portland, Oregon is almost in path, Kansas City — there are several big cities in or really close to the path of the total eclipse. The other cool thing about this eclipse is that everybody in the continental U.S. will be able to see at least a partial eclipse.

What do you experience during a total eclipse?
It gets dark and it's not quite the same as when it gets dark at night. There's still little bit of light coming from the sun, the outer layer called the corona. The light has this very strange twilight kind of quality, and it does get a little cooler [in temperature]. Depending on where you are, there might be changes with the birds. We were in Australia for the last one and we noticed the birds stopped chirping.

Can you take pictures of the eclipse?
Yes, absolutely. For the partial eclipse, you need a filter so you aren't pointing your camera directly at the sun, because it's still very, very bright and you can't look at it directly. During the total eclipse, you can totally take pictures of the corona. There's a project out of University of California at Berkeley where they're trying to gather everybody's photos from this eclipse to put them all together into a movie. It's called the Eclipse Megamovie Project.

Do scientists do any experiments during an eclipse?
There are actually lot of different experiments going on with the eclipse. Our group is working on a telescope that's going to fly on an airplane during the eclipse, along the eclipse path. It's going to get up to 50,000 feet above the atmosphere and look at sun and the infrared [light]. That's affected a lot by the magnetic field of the sun, which is scientifically important. A problem with the part of the infrared spectrum we're looking at is a lot of it gets absorbed by the atmosphere, it doesn't make its way to the ground. That's why we're putting a telescope on an airplane, so we see more of the sun and less of the atmosphere.

Why is it worth it to see an eclipse?
It's just a beautiful natural event. Pictures don't do it justice. Having the whole experience is really exciting — seeing it and feeling it and hearing it and being in a group of people all excited about it as it's happening is really cool. As soon as you see a total eclipse, you think to yourself, "Wow, I gotta do that again."

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How to break into the health care industry in 6 months

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The health care industry is growing rapidly, creating sustainable new jobs in the process. The good news is that doctors and nurses aren't the only medical professionals thriving. Patient services representatives, who serve as the first point-of-contact for patients in hospitals, doctor and medical offices, are also in high demand.

These are the professionals who handle everything from patient check-ins to appointment scheduling to insurance verification and beyond. At its core, it's an administrative role with a reputation for job stability and built-in opportunities for growth and advancement. What's more, you don't need to have a medical background to transition into this field and leverage your career potential.

Orleans Technical College, a post-secondary, nonprofit career school run by JEVS Human Services, streamlines the process with its Patient Services Rep Training Program. Kicking off in October, the training program allows students to earn a Career Diploma plus 25.5 credits in only six months. But it's really Orleans' comprehensive, start-to-finish student support system that sets them apart. The program teaches the necessary skills, then infuses the curriculum with real-world, practical job training in actual medical settings so that graduates come out prepared and ready for an entry-level jobs in the medical services field.

"Our training program is appealing to individuals who want to help people," says Debbie Bello, Admissions Director at Orleans Tech. "The great part is that we prepare you to work in a prestigious medical position without going to med school or a nursing program."

Local health care employers, which are offering externships for this program, helped develop the curriculum. Plus, the program includes job search assistance and a 120-hour externship in a real medical setting.

In other words, it's a multidimensional job-training program that teaches the skills you need to succeed and thrive as a medical services professional in the following positions:

- Patient Services Representative or Specialist
- Patient Coordinator
- Patient Access Representative
- Medical Customer Service Representative
- Administrative Medical Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Patient Registrar
- Inpatient Clerk or Medical Receptionist

"Our training program opens the door to a wide array of positions and career advancement opportunities," says Bello. "It's really an investment in your career."

Because Orleans Tech teaches the skills that employers are looking for, students can expect an extensive focus on computer skills, including various aspects of Microsoft Office, as well as thorough medical software training. The Patient Services training program also hones in on medical terminology, customer service, business ethics, medical coding and more.

With the Patient Services Rep training program beginning in October, Orleans is hosting an information session on Thursday, August 24 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at its campus (2770 Red Lion Road, Northeast Philadelphia).

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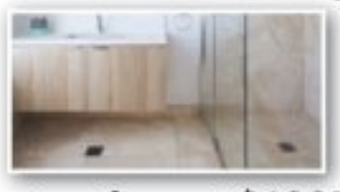

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How to watch a live stream of the 2017 solar eclipse

If you want to watch the solar eclipse via live stream, you have options.

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There are choices for people who cannot view the eclipse in person. GETTY IMAGES

You'll be able to watch a live stream of the 2017 solar eclipse and all of its splendor in multiple ways and in HD.

The 2017 solar eclipse is coming on Monday, North America will be treated to a total solar eclipse. The event will be extra special, as it will be the first time in 38 years we'll get to see the moon completely cover the sun.

Stargazers located in the "path of totality" — the path that the moon's shadow follows on Earth — will be treated to a total solar eclipse beginning at 9:04 a.m. PDT in Oregon and will cross the country over Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. NASA has provided a total solar eclipse interactive map showing the eclipse's path and best places to view it.

For those who live outside of that area, you will be able to watch live streams of the special event, including a special 360-degree live stream in 4K.

If you didn't make travel plans to visit areas along the "path of totality," you can always fire up your computer or mobile device and see all the magic via live stream. NASA and Slooh Observatory will have live streams on their site and provide viewers with up-to-date information about the solar eclipse. CNN will also have a live stream using 360-degree 4K video.

2017 solar eclipse live stream on Slooh

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. EDT, Slooh will begin their live coverage of the 2017 solar eclipse. According to their website, they will have astronomers on the ground in Stanley, Idaho, and a "team of feed partners" showing the exact moment the Sun is engulfed in darkness. Slooh has also partnered with Univision to provide the coverage in Spanish. During the event, viewers can ask questions to a panel of Slooh astronomers by tagging @Slooh on Twitter. Event details for Slooh's live coverage of the solar eclipse can be found on their main page for the event.

2017 solar eclipse live stream on NASA

NASA's live coverage will run from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will let viewers see the activities in 12 locations using airplanes, ground telescopes and 57 high altitude balloons. Their live stream of the 2017 solar eclipse will be on their main event page as well as Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter/Periscope, Twitch TV, Ustream and NASA mobile apps. You have plenty of options.

2017 solar eclipse live stream on CNN

Beginning at 1 p.m. CNN will live-stream the 2017 solar eclipse with multiple 4K, 360-degree cameras that will be set up along the eclipse path, giving viewers the chance to see the eclipse from virtually all angles. To see the event via CNN, you can visit CNN.com/eclipse or download their mobile apps. For those who use Samsung's VR device, the Oculus, you will be able to see a "virtual reality" version of the live stream. The live stream video will also be on CNN's Facebook page via Facebook Live 360.

PROTECTING YOUR EYES

Here's how to watch the eclipse without harming your vision

It's sure to be an awe-inspiring sight, but looking directly at an eclipse could actually damage your eyesight, according to NASA.

It's safe to look at the total solar eclipse — or the moment when the moon completely passes in front of the sun.

"As the moon moves in front of the sun, there comes a time when several bright points of light shine around the moon's edges," NASA advises on its website.

The beads disappear until there's only a bright spot that looks "like a giant diamond ring," according to NASA. "It is still not safe to look at the sun at this point! Only when that bright spot completely disappears can you safely look at the sun."

This period is short, so be sure to keep your eye on the moon as it moves. Put your glasses back on when that happens, or use an indirect method to watch, like by looking at nearby trees.

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Aid and comfort to white supremacists. Confederate War statues treated like an oppressed minority group. Steve Bannon, out as Donald Trump's senior adviser and back in his bunker at Breitbart .com, chortling to his locked-and-loaded comrades on the right: "I've got my hands back on my weapons. … We're about to rev that machine up. And rev it up we will."

Maybe we should all start saying our prayers.

God, if you are listening, send us a sign.

Turn the daylight into darkness, if only for a minute or two.

If politics can't save us, perhaps the Almighty can. Lately, we've been suffering through a total eclipse of decency.

It was another Farewell Friday at the White House as the uber-nationalist Bannon was shown the door. What made Bannon so dangerous was that, unlike his boss, the president, he actually had a guiding ideology. His anti-immigrant, anti-trade, anti-alliance worldview was a matter, not just of political expediency, but of deeply held belief. Now, like Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and Press Secretary Sean Spicer before him, Bannon was ushered back to civilian life at the end of what was described as the "worst week yet" for the Trump presidency.

Then again, it would be hard to find a recent week that wasn't. It does make you shudder at the obvious follow-ups: What is coming and who is going by this Friday? What exactly could be worse than this?

Fifty years ago, a much more innocent America celebrated the Summer of Love. Now, 2017 is going down as the Summer of neo-Nazis, Klansmen and Some Very Nice People Who Just Happen to be Marching Along and Didn't Hear the Angry Chants of "Jews Will Not Replace Us."

Clearly, all of this is causing deep distress for some Republicans, who don't want the slogan of their party to be "The South Shall Rise Again."

This week, Republican Sens. Jeff Flake, Tim Scott and Bob Corker joined John McCain and Lindsey Graham in the GOP's small but growing I'm Not So Sure About Trump Caucus. And if others happen to cast their eyes skyward at just the right moment this afternoon, who knows? The ranks of that caucus could swell again.

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Fixing Philly: Zeroing in on Philly's trash problem

Recently, the city unveiled a plan to eliminate Philadelphia's use of landfills and drastically reduce its use of incinerators by 2035.

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With Fixing Philly, every week we try and look at issues that affect every resident of the City of Brotherly Love and the various efforts going on to address these issues.

And this week is no different, with a look at a new plan that the city unveiled this month intended to help cut Philadelphia's waste output while working to curb illegal dumping and clean up the litter that is all too familiar to the average Philadelphian.

Called the Zero Waste and Litter Action Plan, unveiled Aug. 7, the effort hopes to fully eliminate the use of landfills for Philadelphia waste by the year 2035. According to data presented within the plan, in 2014, 25 percent of all of Philadelphia's solid waste came from residential sources, while about 60 percent came from commercial businesses and 15 percent could be tracked back to construction and demolition sites.

Of that waste, the plan notes, in 2014, 26 percent of Philadelphia's solid waste went to landfills and 28 percent was burned in incinerators to be converted into energy, while 46 percent was recycled.

For this plan to be successful, the city will need to stop sending trash to landfills completely and only about 10 percent to incinerators by 2035. It's a tall, but not unachievable order, said Nic Esposito, director of the city's Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet.

He said that the plan is similar to projects other cities, like New York City and Los Angeles, have undertaken.

"Cities like San Francisco are getting really close," he said.

The plan calls for a multipronged effort that, for one element, would create a municipal building audit program to review trash created at these properties. Esposito said, this could then be used as a "pilot program" that could then be brought to commercial businesses across the city to show how to cut waste.

"We want to work with businesses to show them that this is going to make for a much better city," said Esposito. "We want businesses to want to become zero waste businesses."

Also, at the new website set up for this initiative, CleanPHL.org — where there's a full copy of the plan available — there is a litter index that allows locals to search for their home address to learn it's place on the index and pertinent information they may need, like whether their block has a block captain or not and trash pickup dates.

He said they are building this system with officials from at least six city agencies indexing and reviewing city neighborhoods to get data for the index.

The index will list areas with a rating of 1 through 4 — 1 being cleanest and 4 being most littered, he said.

Another element of this plan is the creation of a Philadelphia Waste Watchers program — though, Esposito said the name may change — that helps educate residents about what they can do to help organize cleanups in their communities and will provide teams that can help with events and education. This initiative will also bring three bins — trash, recycling and compost – out to community cleanups.

"We have to educate, that's a huge piece of this," said Esposito.

Illegal short dumping, he said, is a huge issue in Philadelphia. In any neighborhood in the city it's easy to find a vacant lot filled with strewn trash. In fact, the plan notes that illegal dumping costs the city about $8.1 million a year in taxpayer money.

Esposito said that through this plan, with the help of several city organizations working together with residents, not only can they cut waste but that could save that taxpayer money being spent on litter cleanup.

But, what they need most, as the plan is put into action, Esposito said, is help from residents throughout the city.

"The city can provide these resources, but we need people to believe in the system," said Esposito.

Trash and litter plague city streets. GETTY IMAGES

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Frank Rizzo: To some a saint, to others a sinner

Questions of art dedicated to the controversial former mayor and police commission have come to a head.

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Memory is not history. History is not pretty.

Think of that when considering the conundrum of Frank Rizzo, and the public art created in his name. Longtime police officer Rizzo (1920-1991) served as Philadelphia police commissioner from 1968 to 1971 and as mayor from 1972 to 1980. Rizzo was known for his often head-busting police tactics and unconscionable commentary toward blacks and homosexuals.

To some, he's a saint. To others, he's a racist. That mixed legacy was called into question when the removal of a statue memorializing Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville, Virginia, turned deadly, and in its wake, placed a deservedly uglier light on racism. With that came questions of local public art dedicated to Rizzo: the immense Rizzo Mural Arts wall in the Italian Market and the towering Rizzo statue in Thomas Paine Plaza.

Philadelphia Councilwoman Helen Gym wants the Rizzo statue taken down, or, at least gone from a public space so close to the seat of Philly government. As soon as City Council returns to session in September, she'll initiate a public process to have the 10-foot-tall bronze Rizzo sculpture relocated.

"The call to remove the Rizzo statue from the Plaza is not a new one, and has been going on for some time," said Gym, without referring specifically to such calls and petitions from Black Lives Matter and the Coalition for Real Justice activists. "I don't think, though, there is any question that now is the time to take action."

Gym is not trying to play a game of "oppressive Olympics" when it comes to what or who is more racist than Robert E. Lee. "Frank Rizzo was an unabashed racist," said the councilwoman.

What doubly irks Gym is that the towering Rizzo statue is in the center of the city, in a spot almost as prominent as Billy Penn. That's not the place for Rizzo, in her mind – he belongs in a museum.

"I'm not out to destroy his history or erase his memory," said Gym.

Frank Rizzo mural with graffiti bullet holes, Italian Market, Philadelphia, on June 14, 2017. REESE AMOROSI

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Analysis

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

All those patently false statements President Trump has made about — well, all kinds of things? Forget them. The vicious and at times violent words he heaves at his foes? Never mind. His explicitly distasteful statements about women, his disdain for members of his own party, the chaos in the White House, the Russian questions, his still hidden tax returns and his growing list of legislative setbacks? Who cares?

His die-hard supporters are apparently not the least bit concerned. Indeed, in a new Monmouth University poll, six in 10 people who approve of how Trump is doing his job say they can't imagine anything that would change their minds. Let that sink in: They can't imagine anything that would change their minds.

When he bragged during the election "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose voters," I thought it was hyperbole. But now it sounds like, at least with a slice of his base, he was absolutely right. And yet I admit, I find the kind of loyalty expressed in that poll baffling.

Because political history is overflowing with tales of failure, scandal and betrayals from which no party has ever been immune. Great leaders have descended into cauldrons of ignominy, just as weak "also rans" have risen to acclaim. Sure, I know some people have natural faith in God. Some people never doubt for a moment the love of their families. Some have unending trust in their dogs or a heartfelt belief the Phillies are about to bounce back.

I understand that. People can have deep-seated, personal history with those kinds of subjects, experiences on which to base their trust. And I'm not saying the president's supporters are in any way wrong to stand by their man. It's a free, democratic country. They have every right. But I find it strange when people expressly say they highly doubt they will ever change their opinions when circumstances can change so easily.

Of course, that poll found that roughly the same number of those who disapprove of Trump's performance also can't imagine changing their minds. And that's a whole other point of view worth pondering.

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Prominent US religious conservatives defend Trump after Charlottesville

The responses reflect a balancing act by conservative Christians as they try to square the images that emerged from the Virginia city of Charlottesville last weekend, with support for a president that failed to condemn them roundly and immediately.

President Donald Trump and Jerry Falwell, President of Liberty University, on stage during a commencement at Liberty University May 13, 2017 in Lynchburg, Virginia. GETTY IMAGES

Two prominent religious conservatives defended President Donald Trump on Sunday after he was widely criticized for blaming both white nationalists and counter-protesters for last weekend's violence at a Virginia rally organized by neo-Nazis and white supremacists.

Evangelical Christian Jerry Falwell Jr. said Trump could be more polished and politically correct but is not racist. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who last week criticized the white nationalists' "evil, sinful, disgusting behavior," said unequivocally on Sunday that the faith community stood by Trump.

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>
> Falwell

Trump alienated fellow Republicans, corporate leaders and U.S. allies with his comments about the violence that broke out at a white nationalist protest against the removal of a Confederate statue in Charlottesville. He said "many sides" were to blame and that there were "very fine people" on both sides.

Trump also decried the removal of Civil War monuments to the Confederacy that several cities have deemed offensive for their connection to slavery.

But the remarks, including those at a fiery Trump news conference on Tuesday, may not dent support from his political base, where white evangelical Christian voters are a major component.

Many in the evangelical Christian community condemned the neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacists who marched in the University of Virginia town before one of them plowed through a crowd of counter-protesters and killed a 32-year-old woman.

Fewer criticized Trump directly.

Falwell, president of the Christian-based Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, said Trump likely had more detailed information on protesters when he described "fine people" on both sides.

"One of the reasons I supported him is because he doesn't say what's politically correct, he says what is in his heart," Falwell told ABC's "This Week" program. "But he does not have a racist bone in his body."

National Public Radio reported on Sunday that a number of Liberty University graduates were preparing to return their diplomas to protest his support for Trump. Falwell said they misunderstood that support. REUTERS

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These celebrity couples met on set

Ah, celebrity couples. We do dish so much about them here. Sometimes, they're goals AF. Other times it's like, oh yeah, you guys exist? That's chill.

But then again, celebrities are just like us. Sometimes they meet someone on the job — it's just not by the watercooler, it's in front of the cameras. And then they get together.

The coupliest of on-set couples.

And then, sometimes, they stay together. It's kind of wild, you know?

We collected 15 couples that met on set — from Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan Tatum to Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling. Head over to Metro.us/enter tainment to see them all.

Robin Thicke knocked up his GF

Over the weekend, Robin Thicke's girlfriend, a 22-year-old named April Love Geary, announced that she's got a gut full of the 40-year-old's baby. Cool, I guess!

Geary announced the news on Instagram, as you do. With a sonogram, of course. "Robin and I are very excited to share with you all that we're having a baby! The due date is March 1st, Alan's birthday!" Aw.

She also shared a picture of her three-month bump — which, for what it's worth, looks a lot like me after I have a burrito.

The pair has been dating since 2014. Thicke already has a kid, Julian, with his ex-wife Paula Patton. They are like, still in the midst of a nasty custody battle.

But congratulations to Thicke — a man who dressed up as Beetlejuice and let Miley Cyrus twerk on him that one time — on your baby and your hot young thing, bb!

Hooray, I guess?

Is this why Elon and Amber broke up?

Amber Heard and Elon Musk called it quits a few weeks ago, citing busy schedules.

Now Star — I know, so take it with several grains of salt — is reporting that the reason behind their breakup may or may not be much more sinister. Sources tell the magazine that it was "close encounters of the come-hither kind that sealed her fate," whatever that means.

According to the mag, "friends did try to warn Musk that Johnny Depp's ex-wife was a golddigger dressed in hand-me-downs. 'Elon had to learn that the hard way,' says the pal. 'He couldn't see it at first, but Amber was just using him.'"

Listen. Maybe Amber is attracted to rich men, but Elon is sure attracted to beautiful, young women who ruin seminal films like "Magic Mike." We call this a "mutually beneficial" relationship.

Anyway, these two drama queens were already spotted having breakfast together, after announcing their breakup, so who even knows. Could be tomfoolery. But it looks like they're both just a mess.

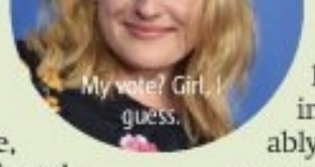
Ugh, these two again.

Elisabeth Moss defends Scientology

Elisabeth Moss, star of "The Handmaid's Tale," is a Scientologist. She rarely talks about it — but recently she defended her religion of choice via Instagram. Mmkay!

A user who chose the moniker moelybanks wrote asking whether or not "The Handmaid's Tale" makes Moss think twice about Scientology. Because, they wrote, "both Gilead and Scientology both believe that all outside sources [aka news] are wrong or evil."

Obviously, though, Moss disagreed.


My vote? Girl, I guess.

"That's actually not true at all about Scientology," Moss replied, very politely. "Religious freedom and tolerance and understanding the truth and equal rights for every race, religion and creed are extremely important to me," she wrote, although an "LOL, actually" likely would have sufficed. "The most important things to me probably. And so Gilead and THT hit me on a very personal level."

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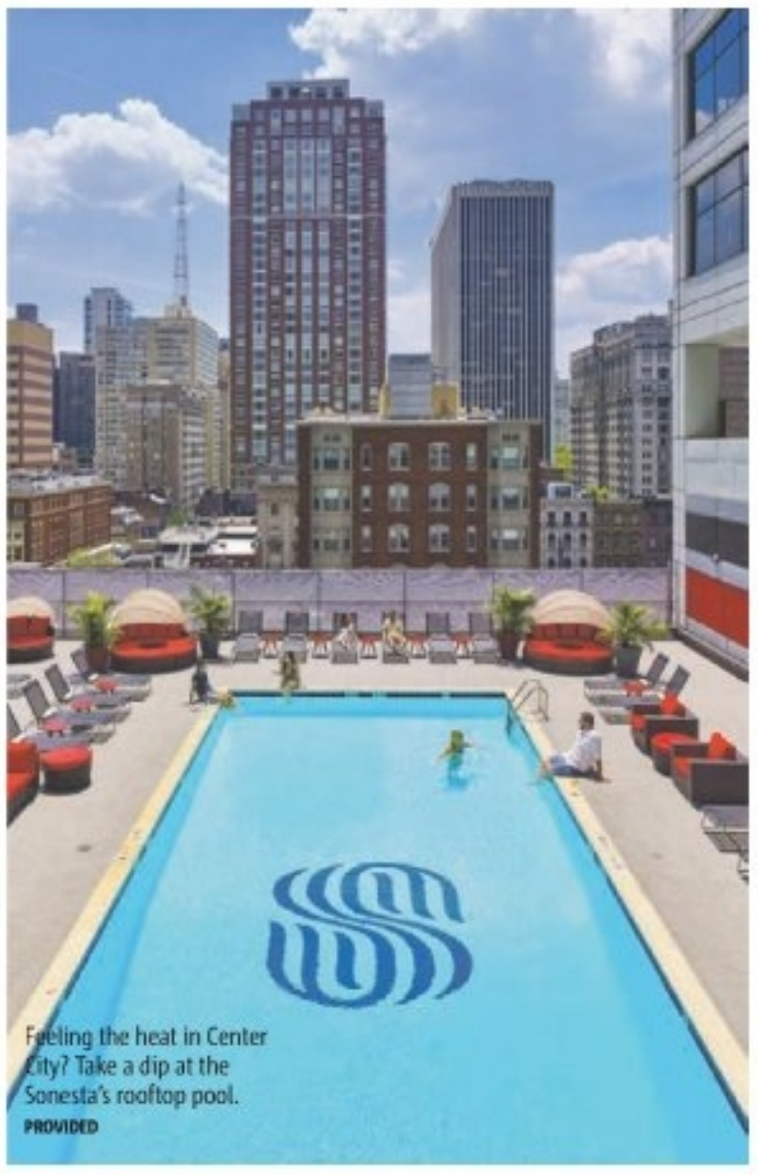

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Of all the factors that come into play when applying to graduate school, writing the statement of purpose is oftentimes the biggest challenge for students.

And while it's easy to brush it off as just another supplemental essay on the winding list of requirements, the truth is, admissions officers weigh it significantly when making their final decision. After all, they want to see whether or not you have the skills, drive and passion to make it through an advanced degree program.

We spoke with John Fulmer of the Princeton Review for some strategies to help students write their way into the school of their choice.

Do your homework

Before you even begin writing, research the university, says Fulmer. And that doesn't mean scrolling through a few admissions pages. Students should thoroughly investigate the faculty—and then use that research in their writing. After all, it's not enough to say you want to attend a university because it has a top-ranked political science department. A more strategic statement of purpose would say, "I'd like to attend this university because professor Rubenstein's research on the relationship between democracy and development is something I'm really interested in." You want to be able to tell admissions officers, "I know the faculty, I've read some of their publications, I know what they're working on, and I'm excited to learn from them."

Tell a story

To stand out from the crowd, weave together a narrative of exactly what it was that sparked your interest in the field you're pursuing. Hook the reader by beginning with your moment of epiphany—and then go through the journey, step by step. When you get to the end, "that's when you describe what it is that you want to get out of this passion," he says.

Just don't make it sound like a diary entry. "The language needs to be relaxed enough that you can tell the story in your own voice, but formal enough to remind yourself that there are strangers who are ultimately reading and evaluating your intelligence," says Fulmer.

Give yourself time

"A statement of purpose is not something you write the night before it's due," says Fulmer. For one, there's a lot of ground to cover with such a limited word count. "If you try write it too fast, you're going to have a lot of difficulty getting the details to fit."

Once you've written up your first draft, you should hand it to others to proofread. "You want to shop it around to a few professors whose opinion you trust and respect, and ideally, who are working in the field that you're applying to," he explains.

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Eagles' stock watch: Who's up, who's down?

Several Eagles' defensive players stood out in the Preseason Week 2 contest.

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The Eagles beat the Bills, 20-16, Thursday night, but the score couldn't matter less. What matters is what happened on the field as the Eagles evaluate and prepare their roster for the 2017 season.

Here's a look at who helped and hurt their stock in the game:

STOCK UP

Ronald Darby, CB

The loss of Jordan Matthews was certainly felt around the locker room; likewise, the addition of Ronald Darby was felt on the field. In his debut, Darby played aggressive, breaking up a pass early on before jumping a route for his first interception with the Eagles. The performance from Darby certainly was inspiring, giving the fans hope that maybe this secondary can hold up after all.

Derek Barnett, DE

The first-round pick followed his impressive debut last week with another strong showing. Barnett picked up a pair of quarterback hits, including a sack. Through two games, Barnett has racked up three sacks and continues to beat offensive linemen off the snap. It'll be worth watching over the remaining two preseason games if and how much Barnett gets snaps with the first team.

Corey Clement, RB

With Darren Sproles, LeGarrette Blount and Donnell Pumphrey holding down roster spots, the likely final spot among the running backs is going to come down to Wendell Smallwood and Corey Clement. So far, Clement has flashed while Smallwood has been unable to make much noise because of his injury. Clement, an undrafted free agent, added to his case by picking up his first rushing touchdown on Thursday while tacking on 34 yards, averaging four-plus yards a pop.

STOCK DOWN

Donnell Pumphrey, RB

Labeled a playmaker who mirrors Sproles, Pumphrey has yet to back up that claim thus far in the preseason. Through two games, he's hardly made an impact. He caught both of his targets on Thursday for 20 yards, but he turned his three rushes into negative three yards. This coming after his debut in which he muffed a punt and struggled with ball security on the few touches he had.

Matt McGloin, QB

Nick Foles has yet to take a snap this preseason, and he's already won the backup role. While McGloin was going to have a tough time making this roster anyway, he's done absolutely nothing to warrant even consideration. The offense has been a dud with him under center. He threw another pick against the Bills and appears to be operating on borrowed time here in Philadelphia.

Offensive line

It's hard to single anyone out on the line, so this stock down consists of the collective group. The first-team offense struggled to get moving, especially Blount. The former New England tailback managed just eight yards on five carries with most of those runs getting cut down at the line as a result of missed blocks. Carson Wentz was sacked, as well, in the limited time he saw. If this Eagles offense is going to reach its potential, it'll need this line to work out its kinks now before the season kicks off.

Is Donnell Pumphrey's job at risk? CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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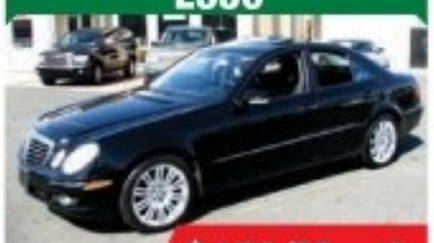
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Burning questions for Sixers as they try and make playoffs next season

Things need to break well for the Sixers if they hope to break through next season.

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Almost immediately after the 2017-18 NBA schedule was released, optimism was reigning with the 76ers.

Hey, after four dreadful seasons — with 75 total wins — that's completely understandable.

But to place the Sixers in the postseason before the season has even started is bizarre. And wrong.

The Eastern Conference isn't as deep as the West, so taking the next step isn't impossible. It's actually quite possible if everything breaks correctly.

Last season, the Sixers won 28 games after compiling 47 victories in the three previous seasons.

There are simply too many questions with the current makeup of the roster to automatically assume they'll win 43 or 44 games and finish sixth or seventh in the East.

Fan interest is higher than it has been in years. Season tickets are selling quickly. The young core of Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons, Dario Saric and Markelle Fultz have a chance to grow together and help to rebuild this once proud franchise.

Now, the questions:

- Embiid played a total of 31 games last season after missing the previous two with injuries. Can he stay healthy and play at least 55 to 60 games?
- Can Embiid be durable enough to perform in back-to-back situations?
- Can Simmons adjust his game to play in the backcourt as a point guard?
- Will Simmons be able to play at a consistently high level after a year off?
- After an ankle injury in the summer league, will Fultz come back to lead this team as a 19-year-old rookie?
- Can Saric continue to develop with this group?
- Will prized free agent J.J. Redick fit in?
- Is the bench strong enough and deep enough?
- Can this young group remain healthy enough collectively to learn while winning?

One could argue the Sixers' success depends on a healthy Joel Embiid. GETTY IMAGES

There are plenty more questions. This is just a sampling.

The Sixers open the season Oct. 18 against the Washington Wizards at Capital One Arena. It's the first of 14 games on national television this season for the Sixers.

The schedule is challenging in every way, especially with two games against the defending champion Golden State Warriors in November. The Sixers won't be home very much in the early part of the season.

For this team to jump into the playoffs, it will need to learn how to win. The Sixers have suffered through so many losses — a culture of losing — and it won't be easy to turn things around and understand how to close games out.

Teams like the Warriors played together for years. When they finally got to the playoffs and continued into the Finals, it was years in the making.

The Sixers are just starting.

They could wind up in the playoffs. It's certainly possible. But probable? No way. Let's see how the season plays out. Let's see if some of the above questions get answered. If they do, there could be playoff hoops.

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IN RE: **17-JA-19**
E.H.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: **SAMUEL D. FLEMING**

THE OBJECT OF THIS PROCEEDING IS TO ADJUDICATE AN ALLEGATION OF ABANDONMENT BY SAMUEL D. FLEMING, FATHER OF SAID E.H., AN INFANT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED SAMUEL D. FLEMING, FATHER OF SAID E.H., AN INFANT.

It is hereby ordered that Samuel D. Fleming, father of said E.H., an infant, appear at the hearing set in this matter on the 15th day of September, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. o'clock or as may be continued from time to time; as the matter may be heard in the courtroom of the Circuit Court of Ritchie County, West Virginia, at Harrisville, West Virginia. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you wherein your paternal rights to said E.H., an infant, may be terminated or otherwise affected.

These proceedings are closed to the general public.

The Father, **SAMUEL D. FLEMING**, has the right to legal counsel at every stage of these proceedings and if he cannot afford legal representation, **B. SCOTT WOLFE**, ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.O. Box 268, Harrisville, WV 26362, has been appointed by the Court and can be reached at (304) 643-5900.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by the Father, from the undersigned Clerk at the office, located at the Ritchie County Courthouse, Harrisville, Ritchie County, West Virginia.

Entered by the clerk of said court on the 11th day of August, 2017.

Melanie Ahearn-Deputy
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY TRIAL DIVISION—CIVIL

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF DEANNA HEPNER

JUNE TERM, 2017 • NO. 2055

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

AND NOW, this 6 day of July, 2017, on motion of the above named Petitioner, it is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the within Petition for Change of Name be heard on the 23rd day of August 2017, in Courtroom 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., at 1:00 P.M., and that notice of the filing of the within petition and of the aforesaid date of hearing be published in *The Legal Intelligencer*, and a paper of general circulation.

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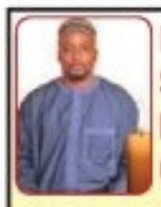

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24 Thug
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45 Adorned
46 Influences
49 Triangular corn chips
50 Spill over
51 Party hearty
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53 Infuse
56 With mouth wide open
60 Great Lakes cargo
61 Cowboy's charge
62 Overlord
63 Pothole filler
64 Avoid
65 Criticize

Down
1 Prune
2 IOU part
3 Neighbor of CTRL
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8 Kendall or Starr
9 Spanish "that"
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11 "A Streetcar -- Desire"
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21 -- -relief
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24 Chimney sites
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26 Oslo sight (var.)
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32 Laments
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35 Bushels
37 RBI or ERA
40 Luau instruments
41 Strong Apache leader
42 Unpaid debts
43 Carpenter's tool (2 wds.)
45 Admin. head
46 Wide tie
47 Goddess of flowers
48 Entrance hall
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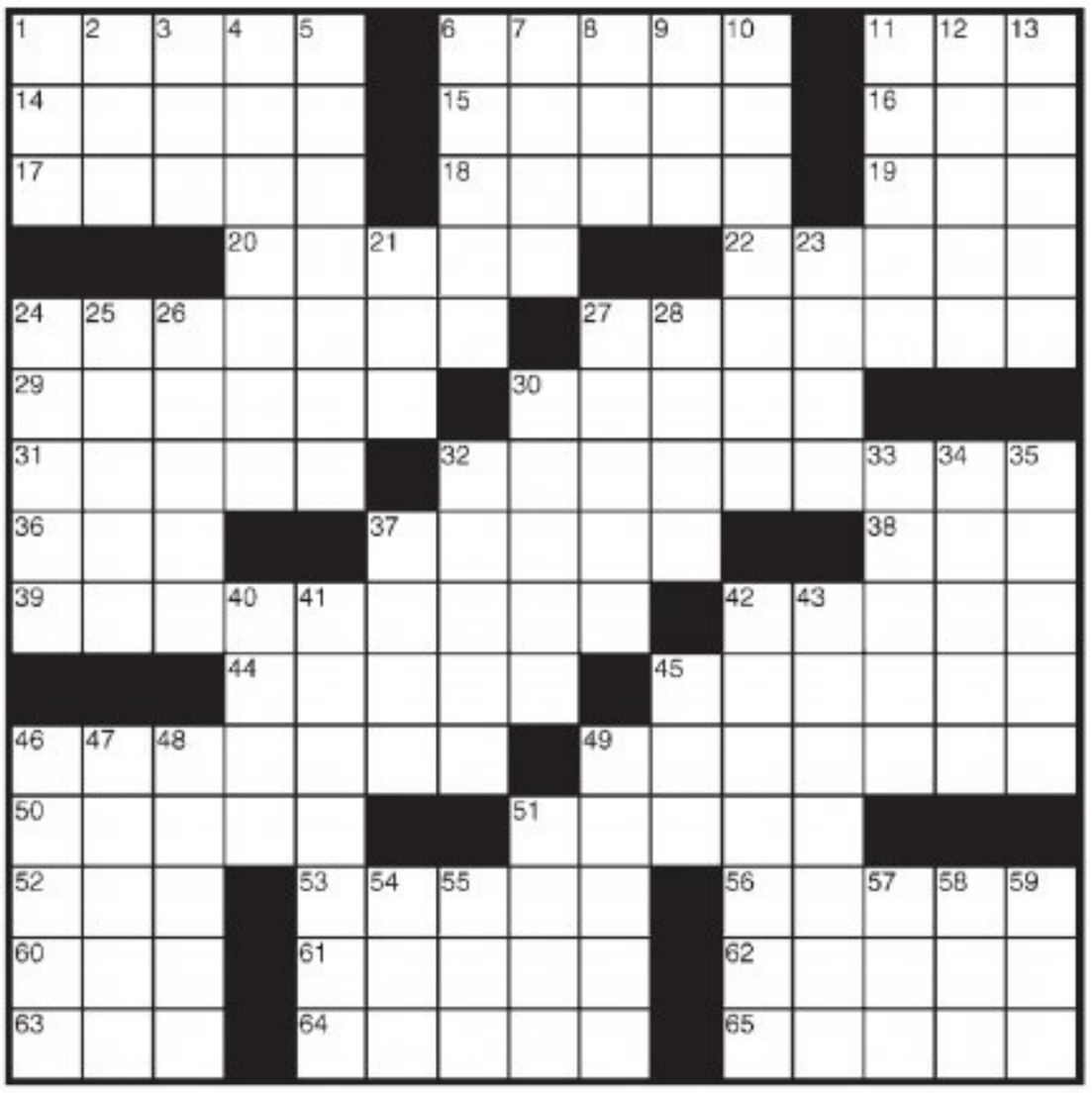

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Aries Do whatever it takes to avoid being faced with situations that are unpredictable or too demanding. Aim to add stability to your life and relationships.

Taurus Put any stubborn tendency to rest, or you will end up in an argument. Make practical requests when dealing with difficult individuals.

Gemini Make home and family your priorities. Listen carefully to what children or elders have to say. Clear up any confusion that may have occurred.

Cancer Business trips or events that include your peers will be taxing, but at the same time will show why it's important to participate. What you learn will be helpful.

Leo If something needs to be done, make it happen. Domestic and family unity will give you the strength to carry out whatever changes you deem necessary.

Virgo Secrets will not help you get what you want. An open discussion that leads to a fair solution will keep you in good standing with others and bring good results.

Libra Your participation in events that affect your environment, workplace or health will be gratifying. The physical contribution you offer will make a difference.

Scorpio Have a strategy in place. Don't be afraid to use unorthodox methods to get things done well and on time. Personal physical changes need to be monitored.

Sagittarius Information will be made available to you. Make sure the facts are correct and proceed to make decisions based on the material you receive.

Capricorn Avoid unstable situations and people. Use your intelligence and insight to make the best and safest choice. Contracts are best negotiated and handled personally.

Aquarius An unexpected opportunity will come along if you do things your way. Your innovative approach to work, your health and money or legal matters will pay off.

Pisces Keep demanding people at a distance. Taking care of business and completing what's expected of you should be your priorities. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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